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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : On a previous occasion there was a request by the residents of the locality that the trees standing there may be auctioned to them, and the Government promised to consider the request. May I know whether any steps have been taken for auctioning the trees?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If it had been promised, due steps will be taken to implement it.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : It has been recorded that most of the assurances given by the Government are not implemented. That is why I ask the Government whether the promise has been implemented and, if not whether it will be implemented soon.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I take objection to the statement that most of the assurances are not implemented. Anyway, I shall examine the question.

Closure period of Uyyakondan channel

* 2353 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received in March 1955, a mahazar from the ayacutdars of Uyyakondan channel for changing the period of closure to May every year instead of June; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) Yes.

(b) Orders have been issued by the Collector fixing the closure period as from 1st to 31st May.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Are the Government aware that in spite of the orders of the Collector, the closure is made as usual, and will the Government take steps to implement the orders of the Collector?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : This year it was closed on 3rd June instead of 31st May. There was a delay of only three or four days. Orders of the Collector have been issued now and hereafter it will be followed.

Free passes for the City Police in Government Transport buses

* 2354 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of free passes issued to the different divisions of the Madras City Police for travelling in Government Transport buses?